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NATIONAL CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO SAVE EDUCATION AND LIBRARY FUNDS

Formation of a nationwide committee of citizens to Save Education and Library Funds has been announced by Dr. Detlev Bronk, who will chair the committee.

Dr. Bronk, past president, National Academy of Sciences, past chairman of the Board of the National Science Foundation and president emeritus of the Rockefeller University, said that the committee has been formed because of a "deep concern" about the proposed reduction in Federal appropriations for education in the coming fiscal and school year. These proposed reductions are almost one billion dollars below the 4.1 billion actually appropriated for the current fiscal year and \$370 million below the original Johnson budget published in January. Nearly 25% of the \$370 million cutback for Office of Education activities would come out of the major programs designed to upgrade school, college and public libraries to minimal levels of adequacy.

"We hope it will be noted," said Dr. Bronk, "that the initial letters of the committee's name, which forthrightly expresses its purpose, spell SELF, because in fact every American citizen, whether he knows it or not, has a strong self-interest in maintaining the library development momentum that Federal support has made possible since it was initiated in the Eisenhower Administration.

"Everyone has a stake in this: the businessman, the technician, the college student, the parents of school children; and all responsible citizens concerned for the future quality of American life. If these cuts recommended by the Bureau of the Budget are not overridden by aware and knowledgeable people, education, manpower, economic and scientific development will suffer."

Dr. Bronk noted that only \$3.2 billion, or slightly more than one and one-half percent, of the total Federal budget was recommended for programs administered by the Office of Education. "In the face of enormous problems, all of which call for more and better education, rather than less, this attempt to assign low priority to educational programs and learning opportunities seems unbelievable. These propositions are still before the Congress for debate, and we intend to let Congress know why we feel that the funds for education and libraries must be restored.

According to the committee, should the cuts prevail, the amounts available would be unreasonable in terms of the needs. For instance:

A mere \$12.5 million would be available for college libraries at a time when more than one hundred new community colleges are being established each year, from scratch, and new knowledge needs to flow faster to a record student body.

Money for public library services would be reduced to \$17.5 million, while funds to replace antiquated public library buildings would be entirely eliminated.

This is a time when modern instruction and learning depend more heavily than ever before on books and other school library resources.

The current Administration recommendation proposes the appropriation of only one-third of the money allocated for major library programs in the earlier fiscal 1970 Johnson budget. In other words, only about 11% of the money the Congress had intended libraries to have would be available for them.

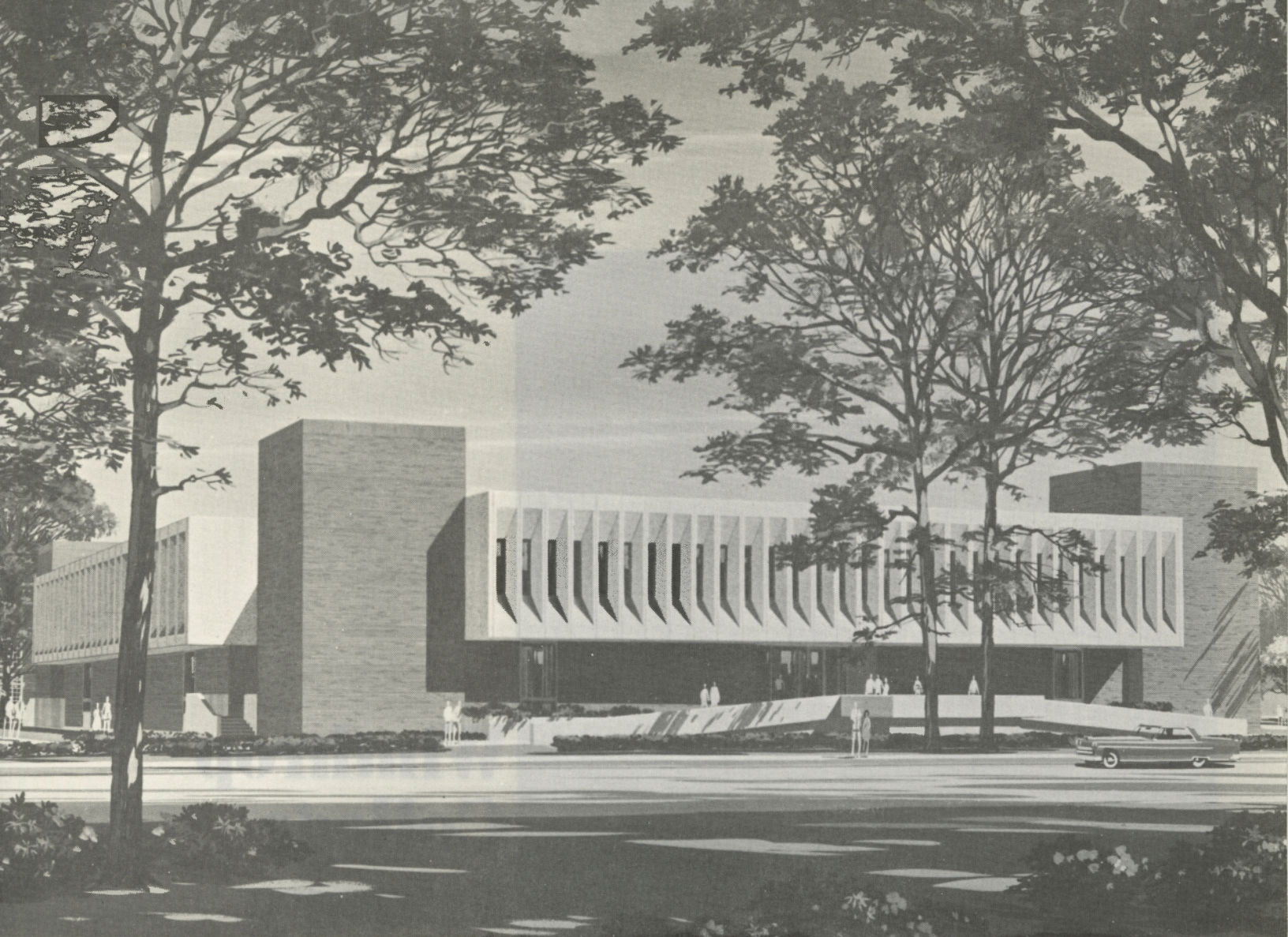
The National Citizens Committee to Save Education and Library Funds will aid members of the public to take appropriate action, with suggestions in newspaper ads, leaflets and other publicity.

In a letter, June 13, 1969, to all members of the House-Labor-HEW appropriations sub-committee, Dr. Bronk cautioned that the proposed slash in the Federal education and library budget would imperil the nation's future.

NEW SLB BOARD MEMBER

Governor McNair, upon the recommendation of State Superintendent of Education Cyril Busbee has appointed Lester L. Bates, Jr., Columbia, to the Board of Directors of the S. C. State Library Board. Mr. Bates will complete the unexpired term of the late Mrs. Hagood Bostick.

Mr. Bates, president of the New South Life Insurance Company, is active in civic, cultural and religious affairs. He was named Young Man of the Year by the Columbia Jaycees in 1962 and is listed in Outstanding Young Men in America. He is presently on the Board of Trustees of Furman University and Chairman of the Board of Deacons of Kilbourne Park Baptist Church in Columbia. He is the son of Columbia's Mayor Bates.



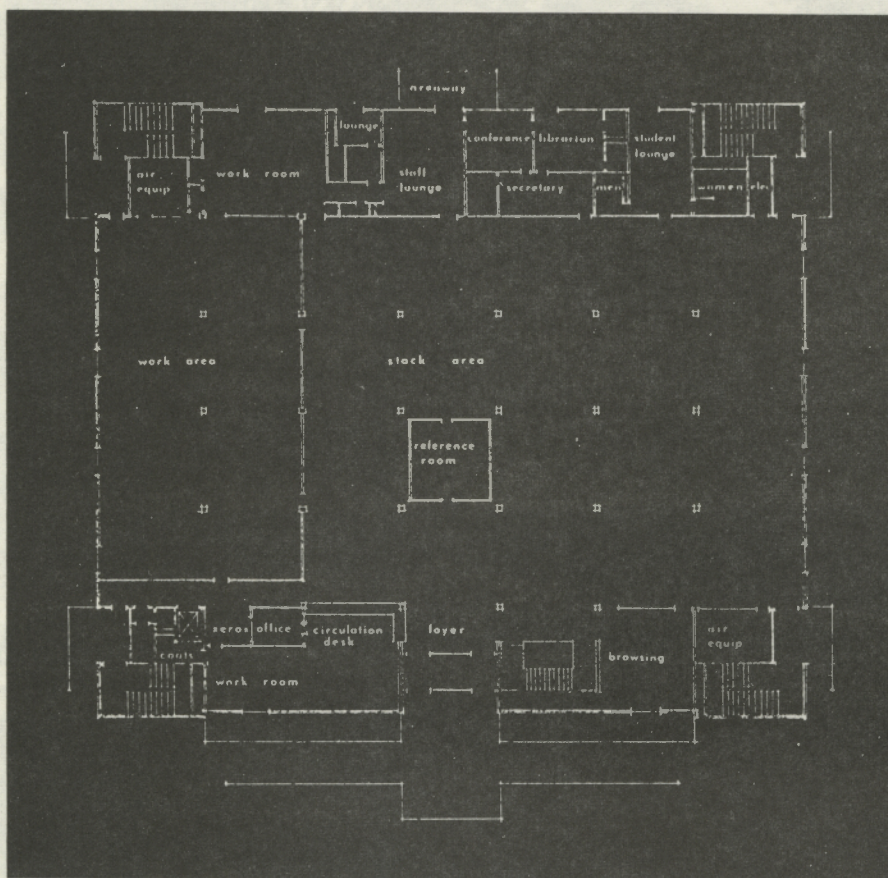
Winthrop College Library

A New Look for a South Carolina Library

The building renaissance in the public library system has spread to the college campuses of South Carolina. New library buildings have been completed recently at many South Carolina colleges. This month's article features the Ida Jane Dacus Library at Winthrop College in Rock Hill.

Begun in the Fall of 1968, the Dacus Library was completed in May and is open for service to students attending summer school.

Built of red brick and white precast concrete panels, the library blends well with the nearby training school building. The modular construction was planned primarily for flexibility, to permit two additions which ultimately will double the present building size. The overhanging upper level is supported by masonry pylons which are actually stairwells and utility shafts.



Winthrop College Library

The Dacus Library is almost totally an open stack facility. The special service sections house government documents, microforms, audio-visual aids and Archives.

Financed by state institutional bonds and a federal grant, the building was constructed at a cost of \$1,365,000. Furnishings added \$340,000 to the total cost.

The interior conveys a bright modern effect with walnut paneling, painted cement block walls and vinyl wall coverings.

Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff, Architects, who have planned many of the new college libraries, designed the contemporary building. Claussen and Webster of Augusta, Georgia were general contractors for the project.

Like many public libraries in South Carolina, the original library at Winthrop was built with Carnegie funds. This new structure, replacing the old Carnegie library, is the fourth new building on the Winthrop campus in the last four years. Others include two high rise residence halls and student center.

NEW SLB STAFF MEMBER

Barrett Wilkins joined the staff of the State Library Board as Research Assistant on June 16.

Mr. Wilkins who holds a B. A. from Emory University and an M. A. in History from Georgia State College attended the University of Wisconsin Library School under the scholarship program of the State Library Board after interning at the Florence County Library.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS AT THE LIBRARY DOOR-----

Have you heard about the DOER contest? Is your public library involved?

The DOER contest -- "Developing One's Entire Resources" -- is being coordinated by Clemson University Extension Service and co-sponsored by four South Carolina firms or groups interested in orderly growth and development. Prizes range from \$1,000 down to \$150.

The contest is aimed at encouraging people in the 46 counties to improve their areas through total development of resources.

Counties may qualify by organizing a committee for total resource development and setting up a program aimed at utilization of human resources, natural resources, and man-made facilities and services. The county committee should list full information on all such resources and then make detailed lists of items needing development under each. They will then make plans for development; conduct projects to this end; show results obtained; and outline plans for continuing the development activities in the future.

The entire program will be carried out in cooperation with the local county extension agent under the sponsorship of the Carolina Power and Light Co., Duke Power Co., S. C. Electric Cooperatives, and S. C. Electric and Gas Company. Three prizes will be offered in each of the three Extension districts plus top awards of \$750 and \$500 for state winners. Judging will be carried out this fall and awards presented at a luncheon.

Information on whether or not your county is participating or how it can go about participating can be obtained from the county agent or the local power company.

Every library should be included in the county's DOER program. The plans for resource development offer an exceptional opportunity to make library needs known to the public and to insure that library development is a part of community planning.

See your county agent today. Ask that the library be represented on the county committee. Inform the committee of library resources, deficiencies, and goals. Get in on the action - now!

FEDERAL AND STATE STATISTICS POPULATION, MANPOWER AND INCOME

The Division of Statistical Research, Office of the State Auditor, sponsored a conference on May 28-29 to acquaint state agency department heads with the basic sources of data and the work which is being done in estimating population, manpower, and income for all small areas.

Speakers were Dr. Robert E. Graham, Regional Economics Division, U.S. Office of Business Economics; Donald E. Starsinic, State and Local Area Estimates Division, Population Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census and V.D. Chavrid, Office of Manpower and Employment Service Operations Information.

Estellene P. Walker, SLB Director represented the State Library Board at the session.

MIDDLE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

Mrs. Sarah C. Smith, is one of forty applicants accepted as participants in the Middle Management Institute sponsored by the University of Michigan's Department of Library Science. Mrs. Smith is Reference and Adult Services Librarian at the Spartanburg County Public Library.

The Institute, funded under Title II-B of the Higher Education Act, will be held July 27-August 1 at Ann Arbor.

S. C. TRUSTEES ON ALTA COMMITTEES

Mrs. Sarah Norton, a trustee of the Oconee County Library, has accepted an appointment to the Membership Committee for Region VII of the American Library Trustee Association. Mrs. Norton has served as president of the Trustee Section, SCLA and has been active in the Trustee Sections of the Southeastern and American Library Associations.

J. Frank Nolen has been appointed to the Endowment Fund Committee of the ALTA. Mr. Nolen, chairman of the Trustee Section, SCLA, was chairman of the Florence Public Library Board and is now chairman of the Florence County Library's Building and Grounds Committee. He served as a member of the SCLA's Steering Committee which conducted a successful campaign for increased state aid for public libraries in 1967. Mr. Nolen attended the ALA Conference in Atlantic City and participated in the programs of the ALTA.

REGIONAL LIBRARIAN ON ALA PANEL

Mrs. Marian Leith, Librarian, North Carolina-South Carolina Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was a member of a panel at a meeting sponsored by the Library Services to the Blind Round Table and the Library Committee of the President's Committee on June 25 at the Dennis Hotel, Atlantic City.

Harold Russell, Chairman of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped and famed for his role in The Best Years of Our Lives gave the keynote address, What Reading Has Meant to Me.

CHESTERFIELD TO BE HEADQUARTERS FOR COUNTY LIBRARY

The Chesterfield County Library Board has accepted the offer of Mayor Jim Braswell and the Town Council of Chesterfield of a building to house the headquarters of the county library. A building on Main Street will be renovated by the town and a five year lease guaranteed the library. The Jaycees will provide the shelving and the local library board has agreed to transfer its book collection to the county library.

The Matheson Memorial Library, Cheraw, formerly a private library, will turn over its building, books and equipment to the county library, of which it will be a branch.

Cheraw will maintain the building while the library will be responsible for the utilities.

The county delegation has appropriated \$20,000 for the operation of the library. This will be supplemented by State Aid.

Edward Sweatt, Cheraw, is chairman of the library board.

PICKENS RECEIVES ARTS COMMISSION GRANT

The South Carolina Arts Commission has approved the application of the Pickens County Library for a grant to initiate a circulating art collection. The grant is for \$1,125 which will be matched by the library.

A beginning collection of fifty framed reproductions, carefully chosen, will be displayed in the headquarters library and in the branches. They may be borrowed by registered borrowers for enjoyment at home and for displaying in classrooms, church fellowship halls and business offices.

With the completion of the renovation of and addition to the headquarters library in Easley, Mary Aiken, the librarian, plans to sponsor exhibits by local artists and those available from museums. The library will also act as a clearing house for information on available audio-visual material.

The library will continue to expand and promote its collection of art books.

MARGARET MAHON CHILDREN'S ROOM

The Children's Room of the new Greenville County Library will be named for Margaret Mahon, retired Children's Librarian who devoted 35 years to the children of Greenville. Mrs. Margaret Hope Huff, Director of the Trinity Lutheran Day School, initiated the idea and the staff and students of the school contributed \$500 for the purchase of books for the room. This sum will be the nucleus of a campaign to raise \$10,000 for this project.

Charles Stow, Greenville County Librarian, says that it is planned to make this one of the best children's collections in the southeast.

When Miss Mahon retired last year Trinity School made a book-bank and inscribed on it: "Happiness is Margaret Mahon" and started donating coins for the library.

FORT MILL CAMPAIGNS FOR LIBRARY BUILDING FUNDS

The Fort Mill Chamber of Commerce is conducting a campaign to raise funds for a library building. The Chamber launched the campaign by contributing \$2,000. The Fort Mill Library Board contributed \$1,000 and the Duke Power Company \$2,000. The Elliott White Springs Foundation pledged to match dollar for dollar up to \$50,000 all funds collected by March 31, 1970.

Mrs. Joan Stevenson, fourth grade teacher at Carothers Elementary School, arranged for an auction to raise funds. For two weeks her pupils collected items to be auctioned. Coach Frank McGuire and the University of South Carolina basketball players sent booklets, pictures, decals and autographs.

Principal J. K. Shannon was the auctioneer for the event which netted \$39.09. The children contributed to make an even \$40.00.

The second grade pupils presented a check for \$10.00 to the building fund. The money was the award for having the highest percentage of parents at PTA meetings.

The library is a branch of the York County Library.

ROTARY TO THE RESCUE!

The Myrtle Beach Rotary Club ended the campaign for building funds of the Chapin Memorial Library by donating the \$3,000 needed.

In September 1968 a construction contract for \$41,752 for the renovation and expansion of the library was awarded to Moore Construction Company. Funds totalling \$35,000 were available for this project. The Chapin Foundation pledged \$3,000 provided public subscription of \$9,000 were collected.

The renovation doubled the size of the library by utilizing the first floor. The circulation desk and reading rooms are located on this floor and the children's room, and reference collection are on the second floor.

The Chapin Memorial Library is owned by the town of Myrtle Beach and is affiliated with the Horry County Library.

FLORENCE EMPLOYS BUILDING CONSULTANT

When considering the need for expansion the Florence County Library Board voted to retain the services of J. Russell Bailey, Orange, Virginia, as a building consultant. Mr. Bailey visited Florence June 3-5 and after inspecting the present building and conferring with the local architect made his report to the Board.

Mr. Bailey recommended remodeling and expanding the present building. The addition would contain 15,000 sq. ft. and would double the size of the existing building.

The Board is investigating means of financing the building program.

EVALENE PARSONS JACKSON LECTURES

Evalene P. Jackson will retire from Emory University's Division of Librarianship in August. To honor the years of service she has rendered the Division, an alumni committee has endorsed the idea of establishing the Evalene P. Jackson Lectureship. The lectures will be offered annually on the Emory campus and presented by an outstanding authority speaking on a controversial issue and/or relating to one of the many fields in which Miss Jackson is particularly interested, such as psychology, philosophy, literature, or sociology.

Alumni and friends of Miss Jackson are invited to join in making the lectures a reality. Contributions may be mailed to the Division of Librarianship, Emory University, 1364 Clifton Road, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30322. Checks should be made payable to Emory University and noted for the Evalene Parsons Jackson Lectures.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

The Barnwell County Mental Health Association has donated three books on mental health to the Barnwell County Library (ABBE Regional). The presentation was made as Mental Health Month was being observed.

The Edgefield County student art show was held at the Edgefield County Library (ABBE Region). The young artists are students at Edgefield and Johnston Elementary School and Mrs. Claude Lyons, Jr. is their art teacher.

Brenda Faye Byrd, a recent graduate of the Sumter Area Technical Center has joined the staff of the Sumter County Library as acquisitions clerk.

The Sumter County Library is displaying a model of the stage of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. Professional in quality, it was constructed by William Harris and his son Terry as a school project. The model is on loan to the library for the summer, courtesy Mrs. Babette Alderman to whom it was presented.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Dixon, Chester County Librarian, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the Marquis Biography Library Society, publisher of Who's Who of American Women. Mrs. Dixon is listed in Who's Who of American Women and Foremost Women in Communication.

The Hampton County Library Board (Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional) at its May meeting adopted a resolution honoring the late Mrs. John Herman Lightsey, a long-time and active member of the Board. Mrs. Arthur Atkinson, treasurer, reported that \$64 in memorial gifts for Mrs. Lightsey had been presented to the library. This amount and \$80 from the Welmila Club have been added to the building fund.

A series of movies, sponsored by the Sumter County Forest Ranger and the Sumter County Library will be shown at the library each Saturday. The movies dealing with various aspects of forestry, nature and conservation are being presented in connection with the Smokey Bear Reading Club.

The Johnsonville Public Library will move into its new building in July. Public subscription supplied the funds to purchase a site and to renovate and equip a building donated by the Wellman Industries. The library is a branch of the Florence County Library.

On May 22, the Greenville County Library chalked up a first in library service in the state when it began the circulation of sculpture, replicas from the past and the present.

Earle C. Nelson, chairman of the Aiken County Library Board has appointed a building committee to explore means of financing a building to house the Aiken Library and an Area Reference Resource Center as well as the headquarters of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library.

C.H. Crews manager of the Abbeville Division of Bloomsburg Mills presented a check for \$500 to Fletcher W. Ferguson, Chairman of the Abbeville County Library Board (Abbeville-Greenwood Regional) for the purchase of needed items for the new library. The gift is from the Jacques Weber Foundation, established by Bloomsburg in honor of Mr. Weber.

Mrs. Marie P. Jackson attended the meeting of the Booksellers' Association June 1-4 at the Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, Librarian, Florence County Library reports the following staff changes: Gail Campbell, Technical Services Librarian; Mrs. Margaret P. Purvis of the Extension Department staff and Margery E. West of the Children's Department have resigned from their positions. Mrs. Carol McQueen has replaced Miss Campbell; Mrs. Louise Leach, Mrs. Purvis and Mrs. Nell Van Hook, Miss West.

The A.D. Barron Chapter, UDC, of Rock Hill presented several books of local interest to the York County Library. They included Miss Betty of Bennett Rock School by Barnette Spratt, A York County native and three booklets on the Neely family history written and presented by Juanita Neely, a member of the chapter.

An exhibit of projects and information prepared by Mrs. Nell Simmon's history classes at Walterboro High School was on display at the Colleton County Memorial Library during May.

The family of the late Mrs. W. J. Lemon has presented a file of the State Magazine 1949-55 to the Barnwell County Library (ABBE Region). This magazine section of The State Newspaper contained local history and biographical material not readily available elsewhere.

The Smokey Bear Reading Club is being conducted at the State Crippled Children's Home by the Florence County Library. 18 of the 27 children there have registered and are proudly wearing their Smokey Bear buttons.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson presented the awards to the clubwoman of the year and the club of the year at the annual luncheon meeting of the Florence City Federation of Women's Clubs on May 13. At this meeting, Mrs. Harry Lee Jones, Legislative Chairman of the State Federation, distributed to presidents of all 19 clubs copies of the SLB April 17 memo Now is the Time for Action and urged them to write their Congressmen protesting any reduction in federal funds for public libraries.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson is a member of the Executive Board of the Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce by virtue of being the 1969 Chairman of the Women's Division of the Chamber.

REPORT ON SLB BUILDING

September 1 has been set as the target date for completion of the State Library Board's building.

BEST WISHES TO

Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Claude Bissell who were married on June 11. Mrs. Bissell, the former Jean Galloway, is a member of the Greenville County Library Board and is serving on the building committee. She was the 1967 chairman of the Trustee Section SCLA and is active in the Southeastern and ALA trustee organizations. The Bissells are making their home in Columbia and Mrs. Bissell will continue her law practice in Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. John Michael Turner whose marriage took place June 7. Mrs. Turner the former Joy Lee Dougherty joined the staff of the State Library Board as receptionist and secretary on June 23.

SMOKEY KEEPS ROLLING ALONG

The Smokey Bear Vacation Reading Club is progressing so well in South Carolina that many requests for additional materials are being received by the State Library Board. If the trend continues, the expected figure of 30,000 joiners will be easily surpassed.

Smokey has been kept busy during the past few weeks appearing on television and in public libraries throughout the state. The children are delighted to meet the famous fire-preventing bear in person. His visits generate enthusiasm and encourage greater interest in the reading club.

Registration for the club will continue through July 1, 1969 and the club itself will close August 15, 1969.

ANNE LIBRARY

Dear Anne:

I'm a librarian and I work hard at being one. I labor early and late to see that my staff follows the procedures for registration and circulation and keeps up with the overdue notices and records of delinquent borrowers. Then I have to supervise the ordering, acquisitioning and processing of the books. At odd moments I check to be sure the reference department is functioning smoothly. I have two new board members and they're after me to join things like the county unit of the S. C. Association of Counties, attend meetings of the Art Commission and participate in all kinds of community activity. In addition they think I should carry on an intensive publicity campaign using all the local news media.

Anne, I run a library, not a publicity agency. How can I do both?

Anti-publicity

Dear Anti:

Did you ever hear of the missing link? I think you're missing one. The librarian is the link between people and the library and its resources. The purpose of library programming is to encourage people to expand their horizons and their minds. You're concentrating on routines and things. Get out of your ivory tower, publicize your good work and let your light shine before men.

Anne

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